



Okehampton Town Council



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NEWSLETTER – OCTOBER 2025

Sign up to receive the newsletters electronically by visiting the Council's [website](http://www.okehampton.gov.uk)

Okehampton Youth Council

The Youth Council have lots of exciting plans for the next few months. If you are interested in joining the Youth Council, please email youthcouncil@okehampton.gov.uk or make contact through the council office.



Town Centre Business Grant Initiative 2025/26

Okehampton Town Council is pleased to announce that, with the support of WDBC, it is able to run the Town Centre Business Grant Initiative for the second year running.

Businesses are invited to submit an application to the Council for up to £500 for capital work that improves the look and appearance of Okehampton Town Centre. The work must be completed by 31st January 2026.

Further details can be found on the Council website, obtained from the Town Hall or by emailing accounts@okehampton.gov.uk

Upcoming Civic Events

Civic Service - The Annual Mayor's Civic Service, normally in September, is on 12th October this year at All Saints Church. The Parade will form up in Fore Street and march to the church for the service and returning to the town centre.

Left, photograph of the 2021 Civic Service.



Remembrance Parade and Service

9th November at All Saints Church.
Photograph from 2020.

Mayors Carols will be incorporated into Edwardian Evening on

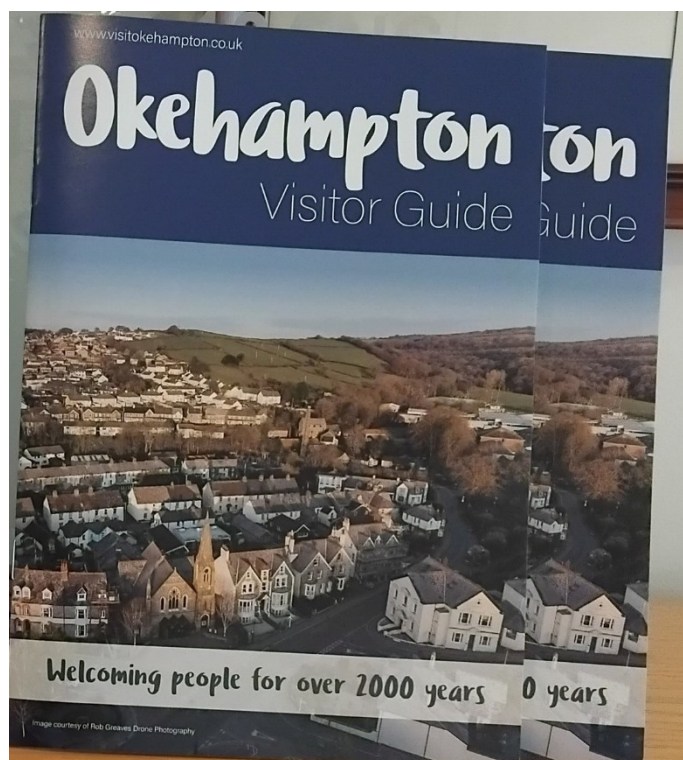
4th December. Further information about this to follow.

Please be advised there will be a short time when the relevant roads will be closed for both the Civic and Remembrance Parades and Services to allow the procession to safely get to and from the Church.

Town Council Grants

In July the Policy & Resources Committee awarded the following grants to not-for-profit groups and organisations. The next review will take place on 3rd November.

- DYS Space (Room 13) £300 towards purchase of items to refurbish the garden area
- Hospiscare £800 towards funding for an Admiral Nurse
- Museum of Dartmoor Life £3,500 towards running and maintenance costs
- Ockment Centre £4,000 towards staffing costs of the facility
- Okehampton Armed Forces Veterans Breakfast Club £300 towards the cost of advertising materials
- Okehampton District Transport Group £1,500 towards the cost of continuation of the transport service
- Okehampton Fairtrade Group £90 for room hire refreshments and speaker fee
- Okehampton Hamlets Parish Council £200 towards refreshments costs of Beating the Bounds in 2025
- Tor Support Services £5,000 to fund approximately 94 counselling sessions
- St James' Chapel £1,000 towards the upkeep of the Town Clock and Chapel



Town Guide

A new version of the Town Guide has been published. Copies are available from the Town Hall to collect.



Congratulations to Jacob on passing his final apprenticeship exam with distinction.

Welcome to Sam our new apprentice



OKE ENERGY FEST 2025

Free entry
Tea, cake &
conversation



Join us to find out more about retrofitting your home and/or business, saving energy & improving home comfort.

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10.00-15.00

Charter Hall
Okehampton
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Contact Us

0800 233 5414

hello@tamarenergycommunity.com

<https://tamarenergycommunity.com/events/>



**Tamar Energy
Community**

Chat with exhibitors and advisors for free, impartial advice. Enjoy our information displays, activities and short talks.

Coming up in October and November

- **Mondays and Wednesdays:** Clubbercise, 6pm-8pm Charter Hall
- **Tuesdays:** West Devon Folk Choir, Charter Hall
- **Saturdays:** Parkrun, 9am Simmons Park

Anderton and Rowland Fair are coming to Okehampton for the Carnival.

Simmons Park carpark will be closed from 12th to 20th October.

- 4th Tamar Energy Information Event (Charter Hall)
11th RBL Coffee Morning (Charter Hall)
12th Civic Service (All Saints Church)
16-18th Anderton and Rowland Fair (Simmons Park)
18th Okehampton Carnival Committee Coffee Morning (Charter Hall)
24th Fundraising Event (Charter Hall)
25th Hearts and Hedgehog Coffee Morning (Charter Hall)
31st Get Changed Theatre Production (Charter Hall)

November

- 1st Okehampton Community Christmas Coffee Morning (Charter Hall)
4th Friendly Circle (Charter Hall)
8th Friendly Circle Coffee Morning (Charter Hall)
15th Mayor's Coffee Morning (Charter Hall)
23rd Tapathon in aid of Children in Need (Charter Hall)
29th Coffee Morning (Charter Hall)

Town Council Meeting Dates

Members of the public are welcome to attend council meetings and have the opportunity to address the council. Alternatively, meetings are livestreamed through the council Facebook page where they are available to view.

October

- 6th Property Committee
20th Planning Committee
27th Full Council

November

- 3rd Policy & Resources Committee (Grants)
10th Property Committee
17th Parks Committee
24th Full Council

Meeting dates for 2025/26 can be found on the [website](#). Some Planning Committee Meetings have been scheduled others will be convened as needed. Council meetings normally start at 7pm in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Fore Street. Occasionally meetings are added or subject to change, details can be found on the [website](#) or noticeboard in the Victorian Arcade.

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Your Councillors

Cllr Richard Colman (Town Mayor)
Cllr Laura Bird (Deputy Mayor)

Cllr Terry Cummings	Cllr Christine Marsh
Cllr Allenton Fisher	Cllr David McNeill
Cllr Frankee Hart	Cllr Mark Richards
Cllr Carole Holt	Cllr Bob Tolley
Cllr Dr Michael Ireland	Cllr Simon Weekes
Cllr Tony Leech	Cllr Julie Yelland

Contact details available from the website
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